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John C. Staley, with his wife, stand in front of his house in Scofield. He is a survivor of the explosion and can

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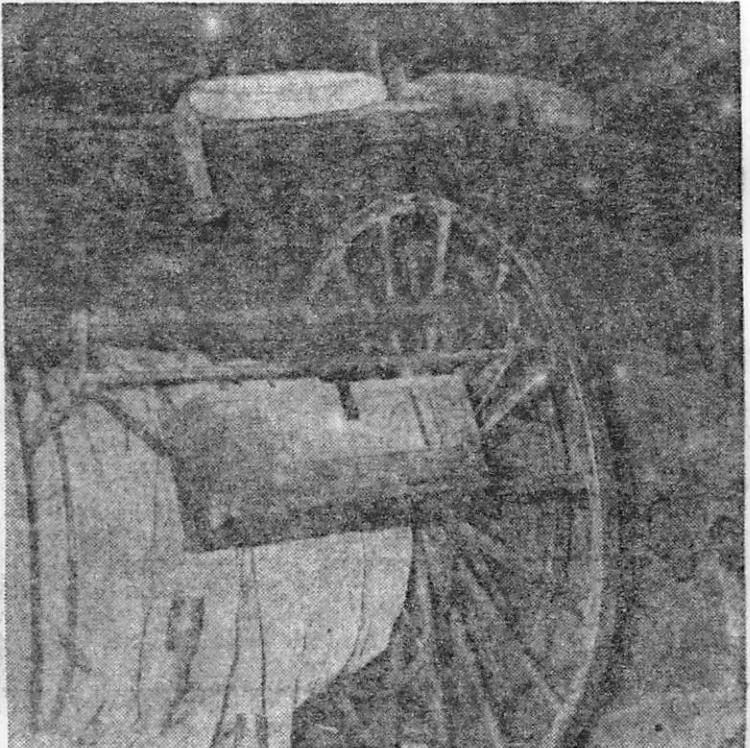
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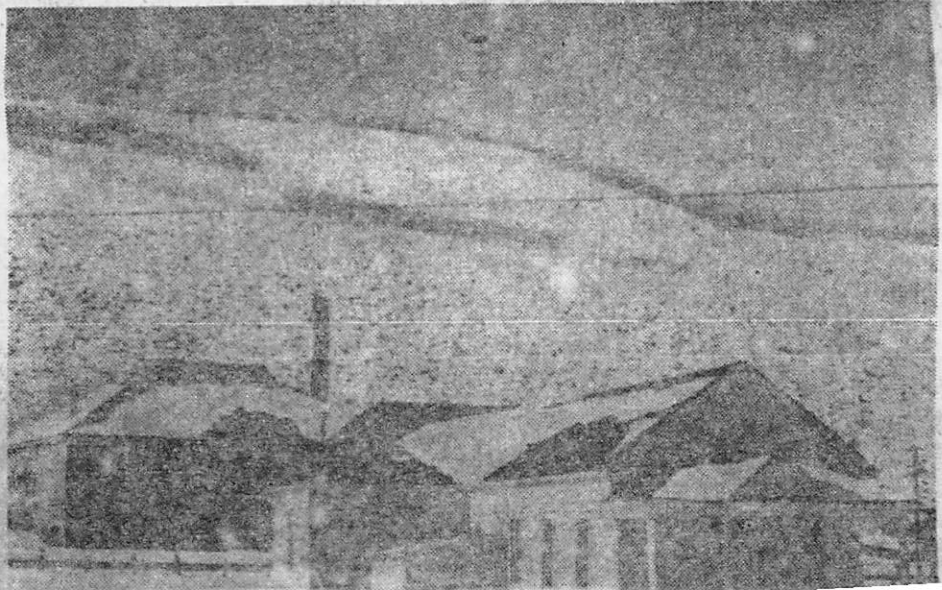
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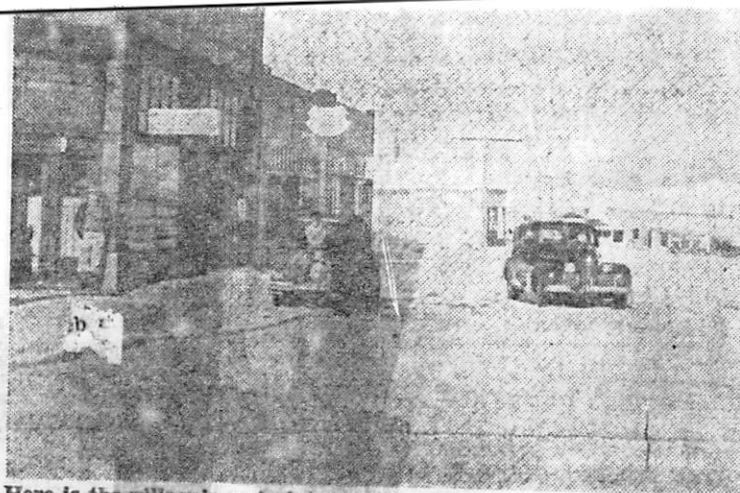
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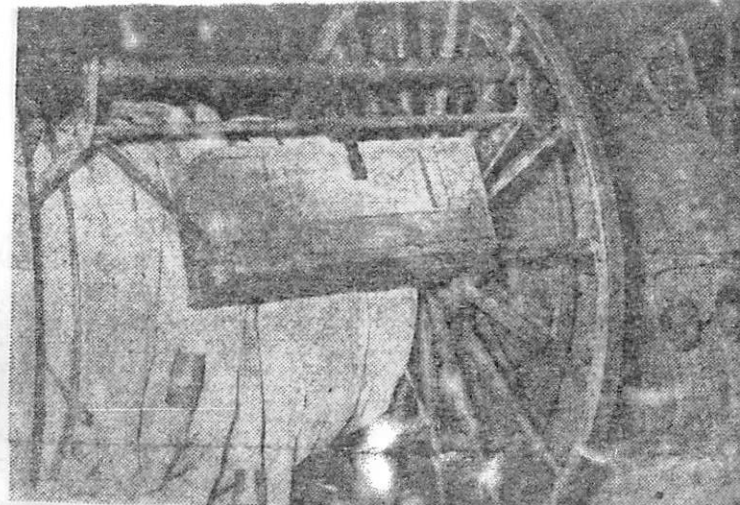
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Across the street from the Scofield post office is the old town hall in which community problems are considered by Mayor Joseph Podbevsek and town board members Mrs. Walter Wakeley, Laurence Anderson and William Strang.

Frank Atwood doubles as town marshal and head of the volunteer fire department. The department's two pieces of equipment housed near the town hall are two hand-pushed hose carts, probably the last of their kind still in use.

The Church of the Saints, with a local

